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**Applicants:** Tsuneo Hayashi et al.      **Atty. Docket No.** 075834.00040  
**Serial No.:** 09/ 503,140      **Group Art Unit:** 2133  
**Filed:** February 11, 2000      **Examiner:** Joseph D. Torres  
**Invention:** "READOUT CONTROLLING APPARATUS, REPRODUCING APPARATUS, RECORDING APPARATUS, AND READOUT CONTROLLING METHOD"

**AMENDMENT B**  
**Accompanying Request For Continued Examination (RCE)**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The time to respond is thus extended to May 20, 2003. Applicants have included a check in the amount of \$930.00 as payment of the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 20, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

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